

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

: Application of Curric et al.

For

: EXPANDABLE TIRE BUILDING DRUM WITH

ALTERNATING FIXED AND EXPANDABLE SEGMENTS,

AND CONTOURS FOR SIDEWALL INSERTS

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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire in three months or on December 5, 2003. Please amend the referenced application as follows: